

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Summary of Amendments

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 39-41 are amended and claim 44 is cancelled, whereby claims 14-43 will be continue to be pending, with claims 14 and 32 being independent claims. Claims 31 and 38 are withdrawn from consideration.

It is pointed out that the amendments to claims 39-41 and the cancellation of claim 44 are without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of claim 44 and claims 39-41 in their original, unamended form in one or more divisional and/or continuation applications.

Applicants further note that entry of the present amendments is proper because these amendments do not raise any new issues and do not require a further search. In this regard, it is pointed out that all of the claimed subject matter has already been considered by the Examiner.

Summary of Advisory Action

As an initial matter, Applicants note with appreciation that according to the Advisory Action, the rejection of claims 14-30, 32-37 and 39-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Stab et al., US 2006/0093633 A1 in view of Max et al., US 2005/0158350 A1 has been withdrawn.

Claims 39-41 and 44 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly partially failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claims 39 and 44 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Response to Advisory Action

Withdrawal of the (remaining) rejections of record is respectfully requested, in view of the foregoing amendments to claims 39-41 and the cancellation of claim 44.

In particular, Applicants note that the Examiner has already acknowledged that claims 39-41 in their instant form are in compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs in that they are now directed only to the treatment of the conditions recited therein and also do no longer recite any allegedly unclear conditions.

In this regard, it is pointed out that the instant amendments are made merely in order to advance the instant application to grant and should in no way be construed as Applicants' admission that any of the corresponding allegations set forth in the September 9, 2010 Final Office Action are meritorious.

Applicants further respectfully request that withdrawn dependent claims 31 and 38 be rejoined in that they depend from allowable base claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims of record are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early issuance of the Notices of Allowance and Allowability is earnestly and respectfully solicited. If any issues yet remain which can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Additionally, the Examiner is again respectfully requested to acknowledge the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f) and the receipt of a copy of the certified copy of the priority document in the next official communication by checking the appropriate boxes in the Notice of Allowability.

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